Export (Agriculture) Zone at Vijayawada

1871. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export (Agriculture) Zone at Vijayawada has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a Memorandum of Understanding between Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh has been signed;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) by when, the export would commence from Vijayawada Export Zone?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (g) A proposal for setting up of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) for Mangoes in Krishna District, which includes the commercial city of Vijayawada, was approved on 28th August, 2002. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh has been signed on 27th September, 2002. An investment of around Rs. 17.90 crores is envisaged, of which Rs. 3.77 crores is expected from Central Government Agencies, Rs. 4.23 crores from State Government Agencies and around Rs. 9.89 crores from the private sector. Export of Mangoes from this AEZ has already started.

Industrial sickness in Rajasthan

1872. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the closure of first unit of the J.K. Industries in Kota District of Rajasthan, cases of industrial sickness of many other industrial units are being reported from the same district;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any review so as to ascertain the real cause of industrial sickness in those industrial units;